

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2007, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 6-9, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, 34 and 35 are pending in this application. As of this amendment, claims 7, 9 and 22 have been amended. Claims 15, 20-21, 29 and 34-35 have been canceled, as a result, claims 1, 6-9, 13-14, 22, and 27-28 are still pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1 and 6. As an initial matter, claim 7 was objected to because "claim1" in line 1 of claim 7 should be changed to "claim 1". This correction has been made.

Claims 9, 13-14, 22, 27-28 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has suggested that the term "boot address" as recited in claims 9 and 22 does not have sufficient antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to overcome the rejection in compliance with the Examiner's suggestions. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9, 13-14, 22, 27-28 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 15, 20, 29, 34 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,869) in view of Futral et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5925099). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has mischaracterized the Anderson reference (e.g., see page 12 of the Official Action). Specifically, it is Applicants' belief that Anderson does not teach "having a host processing system maintain a core processing circuit in a reset state during power up of the core processing circuit." As mentioned previously, Applicants believe that flip-flop 55 of Anderson maintains the reset state, not processor 31. However, in an attempt to facilitate prosecution, these claims, as well as claims 21 and 35, which are dependent therefrom have been cancelled.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, early allowance is earnestly

solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (603-668-6560) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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